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# *Township of Egg Harbor*

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## *Office of the Mayor*

December 2, 2009

The Honorable Frank A. LoBiondo  
U.S. Congressman  
2<sup>nd</sup> District – New Jersey  
2427 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-3002

Dear Congressman LoBiondo:

RE: WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2010

The Township is requesting your support and inclusion for funding our project in West Atlantic City under the above captioned legislation.

We have been attempting to mitigate flooding in the West Atlantic City section of the Township throughout my tenure as Mayor. West Atlantic City is a narrow two-mile strip of land impacted by tidal waters.

The Township recently completed a \$2,600,000 project of updating inlets and piping, eliminating numerous discharge points and the installation of new outfalls to Lakes Bay. Included in the storm water improvements was the construction of approximately 6,000 linear feet of sand dunes along Bay Drive and Lakes Bay to prevent tidal flooding in West Atlantic City. Beach access ways were provided for residents to walk along the beach. The dunes were planted with a variety of beach grass and salt tolerant shrubs.

The sand dune has been vulnerable to erosion due to the close proximity of the water edge. A design of the dune toe, has taken place which includes rock filled gabion baskets to be constructed along the toe of the dune on the water side to prevent erosion of the sand. This design included approximately 2,000 linear feet of rock filled gabion baskets along the most

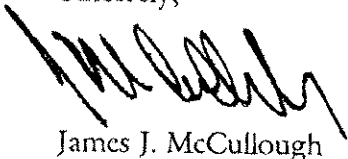
prone areas of the dune along with additional sand and plantings. Egg Harbor Township has both the N.J.D.E.P. – Land Use Department and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit approvals to begin this work.

We're seeking \$1,000,000 under WRDA to complete the 2,000 feet project of rock filled gabion baskets. Federal funding would constitute Phase II and Phase III components of the project. Phase I will be completed utilizing \$250,000 in state funding and \$750,000 in local funds.

The Township has been working closely with the State of New Jersey to eliminate the impact of flooding on the residents of West Atlantic City. The gabion supplement to the dune is the best solution to this problem.

On behalf of our residents, I'm respectfully requesting your support to include our project in the WRDA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James J. McCullough', written over a horizontal line.

James J. McCullough  
Mayor

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